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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In complete response to the Election of Species Requirement issued by the Patent and Trademark Office on September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace what had been identified as the second claim 14 to claim 17 with claims 15-18 as follows.

15. (Amended) A method for suppressing lipid deposition in a blood vessel comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a chymase inhibitor in an amount effective for suppressing lipid deposition in the blood vessel.

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